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www.chewvalleywest.org

Dear Friends,

In the Church Calendar we are about to enter the season of Lent. For some of us that word might stir memories of giving things up—or taking things up—for a season. When I was young, Lent was taken seriously at home, at church and in school. We knew that when the final treats had been consumed on Shrove Tuesday it would be a long forty days until we could unwrap our first Easter Eggs.

It is true that the origins of Lent involve sacrifice and self-denial. The period of forty days and nights recalls the time Jesus chose to spend in the wilderness facing hunger and temptation before he began his ministry. As such, Christians should take Lent seriously as a time of penitence—an opportunity to pause and to put right our relationship with God by seeking his forgiveness for what we have done and left undone.

But we lose something of the meaning of Lent if we focus solely on this aspect. The word Lent itself is derived from the Anglo-Saxon *lencten*, meaning ‘Spring’. So, at the heart of Lent isn’t gloom and misery, but something to do with new life; the promise of darkness giving way to light, chilly winds to the warmth of summer and barren hedgerows to full bloom.

For this reason Lent became an opportunity for new Christians to prepare for new life through the water of Baptism—or to recall the promises made at their Baptism. In so doing they were seeking new life in Jesus, just as the changing of the seasons revived the world around them.

I hope that these lengthening, warming days of Lent can help us prepare to celebrate that same life which burst from the empty tomb on that first Easter Day.

Yours in Christ,

Tan K. Mills +

...and from the Curate

Growing Food Project

I am very excited about starting a **Growing Food Project** in **Chew Stoke**.

Sessions for **all ages** will take place on a **Wednesday after school**, from **3.30pm – 5.30pm**, and for **parents/carers and toddlers on Thursday mornings** from **10.30am – 11.30am**.

Anyone is welcome, regardless of growing experience!

The first session will take place on **Wednesday 26th March** when we will start preparing the beds for sowing.

Please contact me, **Fran**, if you are interested in taking part on **01934 340682** or **curatechewvalleywest@gmail.com**

Services in Your Parish Church in March 2025

SUNDAY 2nd MARCH

9.00am	WINFORD St Mary & St Peter
10.30am	CHEW STOKE St Andrew
6.30pm	STOWEY St Nicholas & St Mary

Sunday before Lent

Morning Worship
Eucharist
Evensong

SUNDAY 9th MARCH

8.30am	STOWEY St Nicholas & St Mary
9.30am	NEMPNETT THRUBWELL St Mary
10.30am	BISHOP SUTTON Holy Trinity
11.00am	FELTON St Katharine

1st Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharist
Morning Worship
Eucharist

SUNDAY 16th MARCH

8.30am	REGIL St James
10.30am	BISHOP SUTTON Holy Trinity
6.30pm	CHEW STOKE St Andrew

2nd Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharist
Evensong

SUNDAY 23rd MARCH

9.00am	FELTON St Katharine
11.00am	WINFORD St Mary & St Peter
6.30pm	CHEW STOKE St Andrew
6.30pm	STOWEY St Nicholas & St Mary

3rd Sunday of Lent

Morning Worship
Eucharist
Evensong
Evensong

SUNDAY 30th MARCH

10.30am	CHEW STOKE St Andrew
10.30am	BISHOP SUTTON Holy Trinity

Mothering Sunday

Family Eucharist
Morning Worship

SUNDAY 6th APRIL

11.00am	FELTON St Katharine
6.30pm	STOWEY St Nicholas & St Mary

5th Sunday of Lent

Eucharist
Evensong

Midweek Holy Communion



Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing is celebrated in our group of parishes on the **first and third Wednesdays** of each month at **10.30am**.

Wednesday 5th March

St Katharine's, Felton 10.30am

Wednesday 19th March

St Andrew's, Chew Stoke 10.30am

'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.' (Matthew 11:18)

Prayer



Our Benefice **Contemplative Prayer Group** meets on the **first Monday of each month** between **10.30am** and **11.30am** in **St Andrew's Church, Chew Stoke**, led by Rev Dr Victor Barley.

A **Prayer Request Box** is located in the porch of Winford Church. Please feel free to leave a confidential request and you will be remembered in Prayer.

World Day of Prayer



“World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice.”

We look forward to a special service to mark this year's **World Day of Prayer** on **Friday 7th March** at **7.00pm** in **St Mary & St Peter's, Winford**. The service will be led by Revd Fran Smettem with contributions from women from the across the parishes within our group.

Everyone is welcome to attend this short service of prayer, readings and hymns.

As always, St Mary & St Peter's Church will be open throughout the day for prayer and reflection.

Sparklers



Sparklers will be held on **Monday 17th March** in **Winford Church** at **1.45pm**. Please spread the word to families who may be interested in an hour of fellowship, activities, conversation, and refreshments. If you are new to the area why not come along and meet other young families.



The season of **Lent** begins on **Ash Wednesday, 5th March**. Lent is an important time which prepares us for the great celebration of Easter. It is a season in which Christians should take seriously our duty to repent of the sins which separate us from God, to receive the assurance of God's forgiveness, and to grow in faith and devotion to the Lord.

We will mark Ash Wednesday—the beginning of Lent—with the following services in our group of parishes:

St Katharine's, Felton – Holy Communion 10.30am

St Andrew's, Chew Stoke – Holy Communion 7.00pm

Ashes will be available at these services, if it is your custom and tradition to receive them.

Lent Walks at the Lake

We will be hosting two **Lent Walks** around **Chew Valley Lake** on **Saturday 22nd March** and **Saturday 29th March**. Everyone is welcome to join us for these gentle walks and a chance to talk along the way. Please meet at **2.00pm** on each Saturday at **Picnic Area Car Park 2**.

Dogs on leads are welcome!

Mind & Spirit



Mind & Spirit will be held on **Wednesday 12th March** at **10.30am** in **Felton Village Hall**.

If you live with any condition causing memory loss, or care for someone with memory loss, you are very welcome for some spiritual support and connection with people who know what it's like.

Contact Revd Fran for more details.

If you would like to receive a weekly email Newsletter with a reminder of service times for the coming Sunday, details of readings, and some thoughts on the readings with prayer suggestions, please sign-up via our website:

<https://chewvalleywest.org/newsletter>

Community Choirs



The next Community Choir rehearsal will be held on **Wednesday 12th March at 7.00pm**. As always, these sessions are free and everything you need will be provided. If you haven't been before, you will be made very welcome! There is no audition and singers of every standard and level of experience can join in.

Electoral Roll Revision

The Electoral Rolls for our (church/ecclesiastical) Parishes of Felton and Winford with Regil is to be completely revised in 2025, as is required every six years. This is the church's register of electors which enables you to vote on church matters, to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and to stand for election to the PCC. You can be a full and active member of our churches without joining the Roll, but becoming a member does help the church to show its strength, enables you to be in touch with the church, to play your part in decision making, and enables you to apply for a Parish Card to give you free access to Wells Cathedral outside service times.

To join you need to be 16 or over, baptised, and living in one of the parishes. Please complete a form which can be found in the porch of each church and deposit it in the collection envelope **before Easter Sunday (20th April 2025)**.

For enquiries please contact:

Parish of Winford with Regil

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Parish of Felton Common Hill

Lizzie Patch

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St. James Church, Regil – Cleaning Rota

March (Lent/no flowers) – Yvonne Chapman and Trish Laws

From the Diocese of Bath and Wells – Manna Mailing – March 2025

A season of renewal, and transformation

Lent is a time to draw closer to God and prepare us for the joy of Easter. As we fast, pray, and seek God's presence, we are reminded that true discipleship extends beyond ourselves. This year people across Bath and Wells are taking part in the Lent Cross Challenge, a simple daily focus in the 40 days leading up to Easter which aims to keep the Cross at the heart of Lent.

The Revd Bruce Faulkner says, "It gives us the opportunity for personal reflection. A chance to think more about the Cross, our Christian symbol, and to think of it not just as a symbol, but something that we're called to in deeper ways. We are not called to climb up onto a cross and be a martyr, but we are able to offer of ourselves in love to the Gospel.

Taking part in the Lent Cross Challenge gives us the opportunity to ask ourselves what the shape of our own cross might be. What 'shape' might it be for each of us, as we offer our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice sent in the power of the Spirit to live and work to the praise and glory of God."

There's so much we can do to bring this season home into our hearts. Read one of the Lent books available, take something up, commit to a regular time of prayer, find out about getting confirmed. Lent is a rich gift to us to go deeper into our Christian life, deepen our commitment to His work, and become vessels of His grace in the world around us.

As the days lengthen and the light comes, I encourage you to use this time to open yourself afresh to the One who comes to us afresh with new life at Easter - the risen Lord, Jesus Christ Himself.

More information about the Lent Cross Challenge can be found on the diocesan website bathandwells.org.uk/lent-cross-challenge-2025



Bishop Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells

In Memory of Philip George

Pat, Haydn and Tim would like to express their appreciation of your generous donations of £852 to R.A.B.I. in memory of Philip George.

Pat George, Laurel Farm, Regil

R.A.B.I. is the **Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution**, a welfare charity which changes lives for the better, their mission, to address individual needs of farming people of all ages.

Easter Lilies

If anyone would like a lily in memory of a loved one, or to decorate church at Easter, please get in touch with me, **Pam Richardson (01275) 472968**. Thank you.

Pancakes and More

at **Chew Stoke Methodist Church**

Tuesday 4th March 2025, 12 noon – 2.00pm

Price £6 includes soup and a roll, a sweet pancake with a choice of filling, tea or coffee.

Proceeds to Chew Stoke Chapel.

Maggie Patch

Welcome Wednesdays

Many missed the friendly coffee mornings that used to happen in the George & Dragon tea rooms in Felton on Wednesdays. The good news is that they are now happening in the **George & Dragon pub every**

Wednesday from 11-12ish. We look forward to seeing you there.

Winford Coffee Morning.

Next Coffee Morning will be **Tuesday 11th March 2025 at The Prince of Waterloo Pub from 11.00am.**

Do come along to meet old friends and make new ones.

This is a regular event held **2nd Tuesday** of the month.

Both of the above are well attended and enjoyed.

For either contact **Lyndsay Newman**, Village Agent **07967 345559**.

Felton & Winford Tuesday Group

Last month we had a talk by Vision North Somerset, a local charity that helps people with sight and hearing problems. In fact 2 of the 3 speakers had sight & hearing difficulties, it was fascinating hearing their personal stories.

This month's talk is about **Brunel's SS Great Britain**, entitled '**From launch to relaunch**'.

This should be very interesting and I look forward to welcoming you all, whether members or not, on

Tuesday 11th March, 7.15pm at Felton Village Hall.

Anne Cantwell

Felton Flower Show Society

We are pleased to report 2 new members have joined our committee, which has secured the future of the Society for the time being. The committee is still somewhat depleted: on that basis we will just concentrate on the Plant Sale & Flower Show this year. Additional new committee members would still be welcome.

The Plant Sale will be held on **Saturday 26th April**. Rob & Terri have kindly agreed to host it again at Felton House. Full details in next month's magazine.

The Flower Show will take place at The Village Hall on **Saturday 23rd August**.

We look forward to welcoming you to these social events in our village .

Anne Cantwell

Recycle4Charity

Remember, remember: you can recycle your old **ink cartridges**. There is a box in the porch of **Winford Church** for this purpose (the church is usually open during the day) and already Winford PCC has received £131-15 from the scheme, as cartridges are cleaned, repaired, refilled, reused, and waste reduced 😊 .

Community Minibus

The Community Minibus is organised by Maggie Murphy. To book please ring **01761 462979**.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Destination</u>	
Thursday 13th March	Weston-super-Mare	Half day
Monday 24th March	Wells	Half day
And looking further ahead...		
Friday 11th April	Rich's Cider Restaurant Farm Shop & Museum	Half day
Monday 28th April	Slimbridge Wildfowl Trust	Whole day

We are very grateful to the new drivers that have volunteered. Thank you! But we can always do with more, both drivers and helpers. So if you enjoy trips out and helping others to do the same – this could be for you! If interested please **contact Maggie** on the number above.

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Felton Village Hall

Friday 21st March is the next **Film Night** screening 'Conclave' starting at **7.30pm**.

This is a thriller that won "best film" along with several other awards at the Baftas; it is also nominated for an Oscar, and the author is Robert Harris.

The story is based around The Vatican after the death of the pope and a new pope must be chosen, but the departed one kept a secret from the world...and so the story unfolds.

Doors open at 7pm and a donation would be appreciated.

Tea, coffee, biscuits and ices also full licensed bar available.

We have made some improvements to Felton Village Hall, with new exterior doors fitted, painting of the two back rooms, also new chairs. We would like to thank Bristol Airport for the money we received from the Local Community Fund which went towards extra Solar Panels with battery storage.

People living in Felton and not in the 100 club would have received a letter asking if they wished to join.

If you have not received a visit from a committee member and wish to join, please contact:

Paul Hatherell, 472802, or email paulhatherell@btinternet.com

We would like to thank people who recently joined the 100 Club: your support is greatly appreciated.

100 Club winners for February: Mr & Mrs Hunter number 169 (£50), and Mrs Petrie number 111 (£25). Well done. This draw took place at the Tuesday Group meeting.

We are also pleased to welcome **Tina Palmer** as our new **Letting Secretary**.

For bookings she may be contacted on **07792 275675** or email **feltonvillagehall@outlook.com**

Diary at a Glance – March 2025

Tue 4	Pancakes & More	Chew Stoke Methodist Church	12 noon – 2.00pm
Wed 5	Welcome Wednesdays	George & Dragon pub	11.00am – 12 noon
Fri 7	Craft Group	Winford Village Hall	1.00pm – 4.00pm
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Tues 11	Winford Coffee Morning	Prince of Waterloo	11.00am
	Felton & Winford Tues Group	Felton Village Hall	7.15pm
Wed 12	Mind & Spirit	Felton Village Hall	10.30am
	Welcome Wednesdays	George & Dragon pub	11.00am – 12 noon
	Community Choir	Winford Church	7.00pm
Thu 13	Community Minibus Trip	Weston-super-Mare	Morning
	Mobile Library* [see below]	Winford/Redhill	10.00am – 1.00pm
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Mon 17	Sparklers	Winford Church	1.45pm
Wed 19	Welcome Wednesdays	George & Dragon pub	11.00am – 12 noon
Fri 21	Craft Group	Winford Village Hall	1.00pm – 4.00pm
	Film Night, 'Conclave'	Felton Village Hall	7.00pm/7.30pm
Sat 22	Lent Walk	Chew Lake, Picnic Area Car Park 2	2.00pm
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Mon 24	Community Minibus Trip	Wells	Morning
Wed 26	Welcome Wednesdays	George & Dragon Pub	11.00am – 12 noon
	Growing Food Project	Chew Stoke	3.30pm – 5.30pm
Thur 27	Mobile Library* [see below]	Lulsgate/Felton/Regil/Butcombe	10.00am – 1.00pm
Sat 29	Lent Walk	Chew Lake, Picnic Area Car Park 2	2.00pm



Mobile Library*

Due to the Community Safety van no longer being available on Wednesday mornings, the Mobile Library are providing a **Home Delivery service**, visiting residents' homes monthly, on **Thursdays**. Delivery times will depend upon the number and length of visits, so the best estimate is "approx. between 10.00am and 1.00pm."

Customers can continue to reserve/return items in the usual way and will be contacted when they are available. Visit: www.librarieswest.org.uk or the **LibrariesWestApp**

North Somerset anticipates being able to return to normal service later in the year.

For more details or assistance, please contact:

Mobile Library Service (01275) 888864 or email mobile.library@n-somerset.gov.uk

"I'm currently reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down." 😊

Valley Arts

Performing arts charity Valley Arts are celebrating their **10 Year Anniversary** this year with a packed schedule of events:

- **Charlie Hooper-Williams:** What if You Could See Music? Immersive sound and visual experience.
Saturday 8th March, 7.30pm, The Old School Room, Chew Magna.
- **Jazz Jam** - monthly jam with the Valley Arts House band, all levels welcome.
Tuesday 11th March, 8.00pm, The Pelican Inn, Chew Magna.
- **Open Mic Music Night at The Pony** - slots available for new performers with a lovely audience.
Tuesday 25th March, 7.45pm, The Pony, Chew Valley.
- **The Duke** - award winning one man show from Shon Dale-Jones.
Friday 28th March, 8.00pm, Chew Stoke Village Hall.

Tickets for all events can be booked via the Valley Arts website www.valley-arts.co.uk

Chew Valley Gadget Busters - here to help with digital devices

Wednesday 12th March	The Queens, Chew Magna	12.30-2.30pm
Wednesday 9th April	The Stoke Inn, Chew Stoke	12.30-2.30pm

Having difficulty using the Green Buses, WESTLink App or website to book a ride? Or do you have problems using your laptop, iPad, tablet, phone or digital camera? Or maybe you want to make video calls, send photos or use WhatsApp to contact your friends and family, but don't know how.

Chew Valley Gadget Busters are holding a **face-to-face session** each month on a **Wednesday, from 12.30-2.30 pm**, alternating between **Chew Magna and Chew Stoke – with thanks to The Queens pub in Chew Magna and the Stoke Inn, Chew Stoke.**

Either book an appointment by e-mailing cvgadgetbusters@gmail.com or turn up on the day.

It costs **£3** per appointment, all of which will go to charity.

So do visit Gadget Busters – who are here to help.

Barrow Gurney Cricket Club

By the time this article is published Barrow Gurney Cricket Club will have already started their **pre-season indoor training** on **Tuesday evenings, from 6-30pm – 8.00pm at The Downs School in Failand**. The sessions will run through to 1 April. Cricketers of all standards are welcome to join us, and we have already been contacted by several new players who are seeking to return to cricket after a year or two off!

The outdoor season is due to start on 12 April with a home friendly v Old Bristolians, then there are games against St Mary Redcliffe, Flax Bourton, Blagdon and Charlton Super Kings before the league fixtures start on the first Saturday of May. Midweek games are also being scheduled, and we aim to start with a couple of friendlies before the midweek league and cup games begin.

Meanwhile the club has confirmed that it will hire out its ground to Leema CC on Sundays from May to August, and it has also been confirmed that Somerset Over 60s and 70s will play some fixtures at Hobbs Lane this season in midweek.

The club is still looking for some new sponsors and there are various opportunities which can be explored. For more information contact **Mark Forge** on **07884 122301** or email barrowgurneycricket@gmail.com or see our website: <https://barrowgurneycc.co.uk>

Chew Valley Gardening Society

This friendly society meets on the **second Thursday of the month at 8pm at Stanton Drew Village Hall**, where there is easy access and parking.

There will be a meeting on **Thursday 13th March** where **Micky Little** will speak on ' **Summer Flowering Bulbs: The Living Jigsaw**'.

The competition will be for 3 x daffodils or narcissi.

If you would like to become a member please contact **Graham Nicol**, our Chairman, on **(01275) 333456** or just come along, you are warmly invited.



Avon Wildlife Trust – Chew Valley Group

Thursday 27th March 2025: "PONDS - Putting in a pond, the pleasures and pitfalls".

In this illustrated talk **Stephanie Chadwick** talks about her experience of pond building. Why is putting in a pond such a good idea? What rewards does it bring?

And an added bonus if you like peregrines: her pictures from the last couple of years!

Chew Magna Old School Room, 7.45pm. Admission £2.50 incl. refreshments.

Chew Valley U3A

The next meeting of the **Chew Valley U3A** will be held at **Ubley Parish Hall** on **Monday 17th March** when the speaker will be **Naomi Johns** talking about **The modern bird of prey and urban evolution.**

Doors open at 10am for coffee & biscuits. **Talk begins at 10.30am.**

Members: £1. Visitors welcome: £2.50 or £10 for the year!

Future date for your diary: Thursday 17th April - More Blue Peter Adventures.

Carrie Urry (Committee Chair) carrieurry@hotmail.com

Harptrees History Society

Shirehampton Remount Depot - Prof. Richard Coates

It was not only men who were needed at the front during the First World War – war-trained horses were needed in great numbers to replace those lost. Several Remount Depots were set-up across the UK to help maintain this supply and the depot at Shirehampton was one of the largest. Yet not long ago it seemed to have been almost erased from the record. Professor Coates will present an integrated history of the Remount, based on his research across a range of sources. He has written a booklet on the subject, which will be available at the meeting.

Wednesday 26th March, West Harptree Memorial Hall BS40 6EG Doors open at **7.15pm** for **7.30pm**.

Visitors welcome £3. Book in advance (essential) but pay on the night.

Booking opens on Wednesday 12th March and closes at midday on Wednesday 26th March.

Booking: please email info@harptreeshistorysociety.org with subject line **"March 2025"**

Are You Tech Ready?

A **FREE Tech Ready Service** – offering additional support with using or understanding technology (mobile phone, tablet, laptop etc.) is provided for **residents over 50 who live in N. Somerset**. For further information contact: **Will Marcombe** (Rural North Somerset Area) **07787 358982** or email will@wern.org.uk

Notice from Winford Parish Council

Aviation Fuel

Winford Parish Council are aware that the smell of aviation fuel has been noticeable across the Parish in recent weeks.

When instances such as this occur, residents are asked **to report this to both Bristol Airport and North Somerset Council as soon as possible.**

It can be reported via the following websites:

<https://www.bristolairport.co.uk/contact-and-help/noise-and-environmental-concerns/>

<https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/nuisances-pollution-environmental-issues/pollution-nuisances>

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Redhill Village Hall/Club Events 2025

Church Road, Redhill, North Somerset BS40 5SG. Tel: 01934 862619.

Follow us on Facebook Redhillvillagehall@gmail.com

Classic Car Meets

Sundays 9.00pm – 12 noon	Sundays 2.00pm – 5.00pm	Thursdays 6.30pm – 9.00pm
16th March	13th April	15th May
19th October	21st September	26th June
		24th July
		21st August

Spring Fair

Saturday 5th April 2.00pm – 5.00pm Coffee, Tea & Cakes available.

If you would like a stall, please contact Vonnie on: 07766 114517 £5 a table.

Coffee Room - Opening days & times

Wednesdays: 10.00am – 1.00pm

Every other Sunday: 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Redstock Music, Cider & Beer Festival

Saturday 21st June from 12 noon.

Live Bands. Local traders. Food Stalls. Craft Breweries. Kids Zone. Further details to follow.

Book advance tickets online at Redstock.live

Redhill.live -For event details -Online Ticketing (where applicable) - Latest News, updates & more

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Answers on a Postcard

Q. "Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?"

Winford Parish Council Meeting

Date held: Monday 20th January 2025

Open Forum. One member of the public wished to raise concerns regarding the long standing issue of volume of traffic on Currells Lane, Felton. The chair acknowledged their concerns and the Parish Council supported proposals to resolve the issue.

Highways and Footpaths. A member of the public had queried logistics regarding the request for support to empty litter bins that had been earmarked for removal by NSC. It was noted that NSC were considering reducing the frequency of household waste collection. The Parish Council shared these concerns and noted that only one person had volunteered to assist with this task. The Clerk would write to NSC to ask if they would consider replacing the bins with dog bins, given that the majority contained dog waste.

Road Safety Improvements. A Community Engagement Evening that had been arranged by NSC on 14th January 2025 did not take place and was due to be re-scheduled. It was noted that inconsiderate and dangerous parking continued to be an issue outside Winford Primary School. The Clerk would ask local Police Community Support Officers to provide a visible presence outside the school at drop-off and pick-up times. The Parish Council shared concerns regarding speeding on Barrow Lane, the Clerk would write to NSC to ask them to review the matter.

Flooding, Winford A member of the public had raised questions regarding the request for volunteers to support with drain clearance. The Parish Council had anticipated volunteers would help to clear leaf debris from the drains and only basic equipment such as a shovel and bucket would be required. This was only to be completed if it was safe to do so. The Clerk had recently reported a number of blocked drains in the Parish. The Clerk would write to NSC for an update on their progress with this matter and report additional blocked drains at Barrow Lane.

Kingdown/New Road, Traffic and Speeding Concerns. A site meeting with residents of Kingdown, members of the Parish Council, and District Cllr Waite was still in the process of being arranged.

Community Speed Watch. It was noted that a mobile speed camera unit was frequently in position in nearby Parishes. The Clerk would write to the respective Clerks for advice on the application process.

Kingston Mead Footway. It was noted that NSC council have now consulted residents of Kingston Mead and will be excavating the paving slabs in the concerned areas, and replacing them with tarmac.

Felton Common. A neighbouring land owner was suspected to have been driving onto the Common to access their land. The Clerk would make enquires as to the owner and write to them requesting they cease doing so.

Airport. The Clerk would submit the Parish Council's response to the Airport Masterplan and a copy of this would be available on the Parish Council's website. It was noted that the smell of aviation fuel had been apparent in recent days and NSC had requested to be informed of its occurrence. The Clerk would ask residents to report this to both the Airport and NSC when the issue occurs. [see p13]

Compost Site & Allotments. A meeting had been held with the Probation Service who offered to provide a team of individuals, at no cost to the Parish Council, for one day every other week to assist with general maintenance and cultivation at Felton allotments, provided a toilet facility was available to them. It was agreed that this would take place on a two month trial basis.

Finance. The proposal to set a precept of £36,000 for 2025/26 was agreed unanimously. This represents an increase of £4000 from the 2024/25 precept. The meeting was reminded that the council's precept is one of the lowest in North Somerset and will remain so even with the increase proposed.

Any other business. The Clerk would write to Bristol Airport reminding them of their promise to remove litter in and around Felton. The Clerk would write to NSC asking for an update on timescales for replenishment of grit bins and would request a delivery update for Old Hill. The red lines surrounding the airport were now fading. The Clerk would write to NSC requesting that this be rectified. The pavement along West Lane was unpassable in places due to mud, water and broken tarmac, and this presented a risk to pedestrians. The Clerk would report the matter to NSC to rectify the issue.

Next meeting: Monday 24th February; Upcoming meeting: Monday 24th March, 7.30pm Felton Village Hall.

Parish Council News from Annemieke Waite, District Councillor

Dear All,

A few months ago, I shared my thoughts on our **draft Local Plan** and the **significant increase in housing numbers** that the government has set for us. As part of this, North Somerset Council needs to find space for nearly **9,000 extra new homes**.

After reviewing available land, planners have identified several key areas for development, including:

- **Weston-super-Mare** – approx. 3,500 homes
- **South West Bristol** – approx. 4,500 homes
- **Nailsea and Backwell** – approx. 4,700 homes

Other areas are also being considered, and now the council wants to hear from **you!**

Why does this matter?

If you live in **Winford, Regil, or Felton**, you might think these plans don't directly affect you—but they do! Thousands of new homes mean **thousands more cars** on our roads, which are already under huge pressure, particularly on the **A370, A38** and all this traffic comes together at the **Gurney Roundabout** heading for the **Cumberland Basin** in Bristol. Add to that Bristol Airport's planned expansion to 15 million passengers, and we could be facing major gridlock, with even more drivers cutting through rural lanes.

Do we need more homes?

Absolutely. There's a real housing shortage, and new homes must be built. But this **must** go hand-in-hand with **better roads and public transport**, making it easier for everyone to travel in and out of Bristol. This isn't about wishful thinking – it's about smart, long-term planning. That means working closely with **Bristol City Council, the West of England Combined Authority, and the Airport**, to tackle these challenges together.

Have your say!

I know many of you care about protecting the **Green Belt**, and so do I. While we will do our best to do that, we also need creative solutions to build homes in the most **sensible and sustainable** locations.

If you share my concerns—especially about the impact on traffic—please take a few minutes to complete the council's **Online Consultation** before **Friday 21st March 2025**. Your feedback really matters.

You can complete the consultation here:

<https://n-somerset.inconsult.uk/Reg19AddSites/consultationHome>

Thank you!

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Chew Stoke Methodist Church

Minister	www.chewstoke-methodistchurch.co.uk	
	Reverend John Hayes	07341 628932
Email	revjohn0713@gmail.com	
Senior Steward	Denise Cutlan	01761 347287

Sunday Services at 10.30am

A warm welcome awaits. Do come and join us.

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Winford Baptist Chapel – part of the Chew and Yeo Valley Network

Trustee (contact for details)	Alan Parker	(01275) 472149
Sundays	Evening Service	4.00pm
Wednesdays	Prayer & Bible Study	2.30pm
Every 3 rd Thursday	Renew Wellbeing Coffee Morning	10.30am

Communion Service third Sunday in the month

You will receive a very warm welcome to all our meetings and services

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Roman Catholic Churches Covering the Chew Valley

South Bristol Mission Area

Our family of Catholic Parishes: St Bernadette, Whitchurch; St Dunstan, Keynsham St Pius Xth, Withywood;
(also incorporating The Sacred Heart, Chew Magna, now closed)

In the name of Jesus: Welcomed, Loved, Sent

Parish Priest: Fr Matt Anscombe (01275) 833699 matt.anscombe@cliftondiocese.com

Deacons: Rev Mark Forge and Lester Yeo (contact via Parish Office)

Sunday Masses:

9.00am St. Pius Xth, Gatehouse Avenue, Bristol BS13 9AB

5.30pm (Sat) and 11.00am St. Bernadette's, 731, Wells Road, Whitchurch BS14 9HU

11.00am St. Dunstan's, 20 Bristol Road, Keynsham BS31 2BQ

For other services (including Christmas and Easter) see our website: www.calledtomorebristol.org.uk

For pastoral care, home communions or other enquiries please contact the Mission Area Office:

c/o St Pius Xth Church, Gatehouse Avenue, Withywood, Bristol BS13 9AB

Tel: 0117 964 6922 (out of hours mobile 07729 833779)

Winford Parish Community Cars

For medical and care appointments.

Please call: **(01275) 333430** (Mon – Fri) 9.00am – 5.00pm

Winford Parish Community Minibus

For trips. Please call: Maggie Murphy **01761 462979**

Winford Parish Council

Website - www.winfordpc.org.uk

Chair	Paul Hatherell	472802	
Clerk	Louise Burgess	winfordpc@gmail.com	(01275) 612745
Felton	Paul Hatherell	472802	Helen Ingram
Regil	Margaret Murphy	01761 462979	Holly Salmon Holly-regilparishcouncil@outlook.com
Winford	Karen Bye	474063	Gillian Patch 474196
	James Webster	472818	
	Jayne Thompson	winfordpc@gmail.com	07798 850560
	Nigel Reed	nigelreed@aol.com	07488 388357
Airport Working Party	Gill Patch		474196

Some Useful Telephone Numbers

Police	Non-emergency	dial 101
Bristol Airport Community Relations Officer	Tracy Comer	0117 4575027
Bristol Airport Complaints	https://www.bristolairport.co.uk/contact-and-help/complaints/	
District Councillors:	Winford Parish	Annemieke Waite Annemieke.Waite@n-somerset.gov.uk
	Backwell Parish	Bridget Petty
	Wrighton Parish	Thomas Daw thomas.daw@n-somerset.gov.uk.
Backwell Parish Council Clerk	Clare Melton	464653
North Somerset Council Emergency Number		
	(for out of hours, weekends and Bank Holidays)	01934 622669
Floodline (24 hour)		0345 988 1188
Doctors	Chew Medical Practice	01275 332420
	Wrighton	01934 852906
	Downside (Flax Bourton)	01275 850600
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Avon Wildlife Trust	Annie Sewart	332482
Chew Stoke Bowling Club	Phil Gullam	472605
Chew Valley Children's Centre/Health Visitors		01225 395455
Chew Valley Choral Society	Catherine Hunt	07814 098457
Chew Valley School – Head Teacher	Gareth Beynon	332272
Community Minibus for trips	Maggie Murphy	01761 462979
Community Shop		472222
Cricket Club – Barrow Gurney	Mark Forge	07884 122301
Winford [Shaftesbury]	Jake Mawford	07824 808098
Felton Evergreens	Tina Clements	01179 645668
Felton Flower Show Society	Viv Etheridge	472921
	Anne Cantwell	474647
Felton & Winford Tuesday Group	Anne Cantwell	474647
Felton Village Hall Committee Secretary	Angela Britton	472223
Felton Village Hall Letting Secretary	Tina Palmer	07792 275675
Guides and Brownies	Sue Curtis	333361
Rainbow Guides	Jackie Morris	474858
Regil Village Hall	Daisy George	07766 084762
Sparklers for mums, carers & young babies	Sonia Clark	472019
Tug-of-War Day Committee	Pete Dyer	01934 823462
Village Agent	Lyndsay Newman	07967 345559
WI Market	Tamsin Free	01761 221674
Winford & Felton Craft	Elizabeth Parker	472149
	Shelagh Sutton	472641
Winford Pre-school	Claire House	472742
Winford Produce Show	Philippa Herring	474270
Winford C of E Primary School		
Head Teacher	Nik Gardner	472730
Chair of Governors	John Miles	07427 191898
Winford Village Hall Bookings	Joe Herring	474270
Winford Village Hall Secretary	Denise Poole	472797